

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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LPG COOKING GAS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) the policy and the action plan in regard to providing LPG cooking gas connections in rural areas in the country State-wise ;
- (b) the names of the places in different States including Madhya Pradesh where gas agency has not been opened despite being included in the gas agency marketing plan during the last three years ;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor ;
- (d) the time by when the gas agencies at these places are likely to be opened ; and
- (e) the names of the places at which the alternative arrangement of gas supply has been made alongwith the rates at which the gas is delivered in these areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a): Out of 1,429 distributorship planned for urban/rural and 1,247 for rural areas, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have commissioned 1,075 LPG distributorships in urban/rural market and 569 LPG distributorships in rural market as on 1.7.2004. Further, with a view to covering uncovered Blocks/Tehsils/Mandals, the Ministry have advised the OMCs to introduce innovative steps for low income group customers such as introduction of 5 kg. cylinders, setting up of community kitchens in villages etc.
- (b) & (c) : At present, 1,878 locations in country including 194 locations of M.P. are pending for commissioning which were included in previous marketing plans. These include locations for urban areas also. The details of locations are available with OMCs.
- (d): The setting up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and it is not possible to indicate the exact time frame for setting up of LPG distributorships at all the locations which were included earlier in the marketing plans. However, it generally takes 6-12 months for the commissioning of a LPG distributorship after the interview for a location
- (e): The distributorships are operating in various markets as per their authorized trading area of operation and refills are sold at the retail selling price of the town in the area of operation of distributorships. Besides the innovative steps outlined in (a) above, OMCs are in the process of finalising a common plan for the appointment of LPG distributors. In this process, efforts would be made to bring maximum un-represented areas in the LPG distributorship network.